

## **Farmers' Smile**

### **A Lift Irrigation Scheme At Barunguri Village**

A rivulet "Khandajan" is running through Manipur GP of Bhurbandha Dev. Block in Morigaon District. Barunguri village is on the left bank of Khandajan with around 4200 bighas of agricultural land lying abandoned for want of irrigation. A lift irrigation project was under taken to provide livelihood for rural households by Irrigation Department in convergence with MGNREGA. The site where the scheme was proposed there was no any road communication to carry the project materials. Implementation of this project has thus also created around 4 kilometer motorable all weather road along with bamboo pallasating for erosion protection measures under MGNREGA as project approach road at a cost of Rs. 42.42 lakhs.



The project is being implemented in phased manner with the aim of restoring rural livelihoods by constructing sustainable and strengthening agricultural irrigation channels and sub-channels. It was also envisaged that the road built in the process would help carrying agricultural products and provide marketing linkage for farmers and connectivity to Morigaon Town for Barunguri villagers.

The project was developed with an estimated expenditure of Rs.41.68 lakhs from MGNREGA and rest of the amount from Irrigation Department.

The core objective of the scheme were :-

1. Ensure gainful wage employment for Jobcard holders demanding employment in the Manipur GP Bhurbandha Dev. Block.
2. Explore grater scope of rural livelihoods by extending Irrigation potential
3. Connect rural people of Barunguri village in Manipur GP through 4 kilometers roads proving marketing linkage with Morigaon town. There by strengthening over all economy of the area.

4. Increase the production of the crops by 40% more than the before. Farmers are now going for double and triple cropping.



The technical supports for the project were provided by the Irrigation Department. The PRI functionaries have also been closely involved and have contributed to the project by active participation.

The project work is still in progress. More than 4000 bighas of land is now being cultivated by the farmers which is making them economically stable and 8223 no. of person days of 298 Household families have already been created.